

NO RELIEF FOR
CROWDING OF
OPEN CARS TO
BE OFFERED

Practice of Standing Between Seats Not Common, Says Railway Company—Every Car Already in Service.

Public Utilities Commission Has Not Time to Hold Hearing This Summer and Asks People's Co-operation.

There will be no relief this summer for those forced to ride sandwich fashion on open street cars in Washington. That was decided today by the Public Utilities Commission.

Besides, the practice of standing between the seats on open cars is not very common in Washington. That is the opinion of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

Just what the public that has to do the standing up on the open cars will think or say remains to be seen.

An adjustment of conditions will be undertaken by the Public Utilities Commission prior to the beginning of the operation of open cars next spring.

In the meantime the co-operation of the public in eliminating the practice is requested by both the commission and the traction companies.

REASONS FOR DELAY.

Statements from the railway companies that they are using their full quota of open cars, together with lack of time in which to hold a public hearing and decide as to the necessity of an order prohibiting the occupancy of the space between the seats, is given by the commission as its reason for delayed action.

The law requires that ten days' notice of the hearing shall be given. As there is an important hearing on the relations between the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company scheduled for August 25 which may require several days, the commission will not be in a position to consider the question of the standing room until September 1 or later.

It was pointed out also that the commission cannot with justice order the purchase of additional open cars until the completion of the valuation of the traction companies' properties. The present "open car" season probably will be over before the commission can complete the valuation.

The commission today received from the Washington Railway and Electric Company the following letter:

"It should be taken into account that the operation of open cars is expensive, in that it requires equipment for winter as well as for summer, and if additional cars are required in the operation of open cars, their abandonment might result, the mere suggestion of which would not meet with the favor of our patrons."

"We have observed that passengers will frequently alight a closed car to stand and wait for an open car."

"We have made careful observation of the number of passengers standing between the seats of open cars and have found comparatively few instances. We believe that occasional where passengers stand between the seats in open cars are so rare as not to cause any great amount of annoyance and that any requirement which would make the operation of open cars impracticable would cause general dissatisfaction."

"We would respectfully suggest that the present arrangement be continued, and more time given the company in which to make further efforts toward the elimination of standing between the seats on open cars, for we believe more can be accomplished in this respect when the public understands the importance of co-operating in the matter."

CONCERN IS FELT FOR
SPRING-RICE'S SAFETY

It was learned at the Treasury Department this morning that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, had received threatening letters which caused great concern as to his personal safety.

The precise nature of the communications was not divulged, but they are understood to emanate from the same source that the "Holt" and "Pearce" letters came from.

It is recalled that letters written subsequent to Holt's suicide in prison called attention to the fact that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice was with T. P. Morgan when Holt shot Morgan, and that they also stated that no effort would be spared to "get" Spring-Rice.

Turk Poets to Seek
Inspiration at Front

War Minister Wants Wave of Patriotism to Sweep Through Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 14.—Under orders from Enver Pasha, war minister, all the leading poets and literary men of Turkey are to be taken on a tour of the Turkish battle front at the Dardanelles. The plan is to give the writers inspiration by which they may send waves of patriotism sweeping through Turkey.

The success of the Italian poet d'Annunzio in stirring the people of Italy to action suggested the expedition of Turkish literary men.

They are to spend several weeks in the French country and to visit the Turkish front on both the Asiatic and European side of the strait.

SEEK NEW EVIDENCE
IN POLICE INQUIRY

Detectives Said to Be Searching for Witnesses Whose Testimony Is Material.

When the grand jury convenes Monday it is possible that more witnesses will be on hand to testify in the investigation of the alleged graft in the Police Department, although the Government prosecutors may delay the submission of further testimony until later in the week.

United States Attorney John E. Lasky and his assistant, S. McComas Hawken, were unwilling to say today just what state the inquiry had reached with respect to the accusations against the men higher up, but it is known that diligent efforts are being made to corroborate testimony which is said to involve officers above the rank of patrolman.

Detectives are understood to be searching for certain witnesses, whose testimony is believed to be material to the prosecution of accused officers. The investigators refused to say whether the witnesses named were formerly women of Washington's underworld.

Major Pullman is anxious to bring the inquiry to a close at the earliest possible moment, as he believes that a speedy sifting of the accusations is only justice to the several hundred faithful and efficient officers on the force. Prolonged agitation and continual uncertainty, he believes, is an undesired reflection on the department.

Detective Raymond O. Killendick, who was twice jointly indicted on Thursday with Policeman Warren E. Grimes on charges of extortion, compounding of a felony and misprision of a felony as a result of statements made by Mrs. Margaret Stout, will appear before Justice Gould in Criminal Court No. 1 on Monday and furnish bond. Former Justice Daniel T. Wright and T. Morris Wampler, counsel for the indicted men, made this arrangement today with United States Attorney Lasky.

Prosecutor Hawken examined a number of witnesses today and summons were issued for several men and women to appear Monday to tell what they know about certain phases of the inquiry.

TREASURY BANS USE
OF POLITICS BY BANKS

In Withdrawing \$3,000,000 From Depositories McAdoo Warns Against Protest.

Withdrawal of \$3,000,000 of Government deposits from the national bank depositories of the country, is being made by the Treasury Department. A portion of the withdrawal is being taken from Washington banks. In a letter of notice of the withdrawal, the banks are given forceful and pointed warning that the move must not bring political or other influence to bear to prevent withdrawals ordered.

The money withdrawn is to be deposited in the twelve reserve banks of the country to fortify these institutions. A portion of the withdrawal was made August 10 and the balance of the \$3,000,000 fund is to be called in August 25.

This deposit will be the second large one made by the Treasury Department in the Federal reserve banks in the past few months. Six million dollars was taken out of the national banks and deposited in the reserve banks three months ago.

10 KILLED, 60 HURT,
IN ENGLISH WRECK

Irish Mail of London and Northwestern Road Is Derailed Near Stowe Tunnel.

NORTHAMPTON, England, Aug. 14.—Between six and ten persons were killed and sixty injured by the derailment of the Irish Mail of London and Northwestern railway near the Stowe tunnel today, according to best available information received here this afternoon.

Earlier reports, the railway officials said, overstated the number of victims. Three trains were piled up in collision. The Irish mail, running in two sections, was carrying holiday makers away from London. The first section ran into an overturned engine of a southbound train whose piston rod had snapped. The second section, following immediately behind, charged into the wreckage.

Among the victims were several soldiers.

KOVNO FORTS
ARE DOOMED
BY FIERCE FIRE
OF INVADERS

Russian Center Is Giving Ground With Little Resistance in Its Retreat Before General von Hindenburg.

Mackensen Is Pressing Slowly Northward Upon Brest Litovsk, Dealing Blows to Left Flank.

BERLIN (via wireless to London), Aug. 14.—General von Hindenburg's forces, attacking the fortress of Kovno, have stormed and captured the fortified forest of Dominikanka, in front of Kovno.

"North of Novo Georgievsk," said this afternoon's official statement, "we stormed and captured a strong outpost position, taking 1,800 prisoners."

BERLIN (Via The Hague), Aug. 13.—The second phase of the campaign on the eastern front is drawing rapidly to a close—the Russian center giving ground with little resistance in its retreat to the Kovno-Brest Litovsk line.

Attacking the Russian wings are von Hindenburg and Mackensen, the two greatest generals Germany has produced in the world war.

Kovno is being subjected to terrific assault under the eye of von Hindenburg and there is not the slightest doubt here that the fortress must soon succumb.

Mackensen is pressing slowly northward upon Brest Litovsk, dealing heavy blows at the Russian left flank.

SEE EARLY FINISH.

Military critics here believe the operations against Russia will be entirely completed within a few weeks. They do not expect to see any march on Petrograd, despite the fear of a drive on the Russian capital felt in the allies.

The general opinion here is that Russia already has been dealt a blow from which she can scarcely recover before the allies are forced into peace negotiations. The popular demand is that Germany shall wheel her armies into a new campaign on another front.

The Hindenburg-Mackensen move, which will be halted until Kovno is pounded to pieces and all the fortresses of the Kovno-Brest Litovsk line have fallen before the German attack, military men here believe, those victories constituting the final phase of the stupendous Austro-German campaign in the east.

With Brest Litovsk and the Kovno fortress line held by German troops, no serious offensive on the part of Russia is anticipated for the balance of the war. The fall of Warsaw left to the Germans the task of capturing the only Brest Litovsk to be surrendered to the Austro-Germans, the Grand Duke's armies will be scattered forces operating from separate bases and unable to concentrate effectively in any great offensive operation.

OYSTER MEN ACCUSE
EASTERN RAILROADS

Association Charges to I. C. C. That Companies Have Made Practical Increase in Rates.

Complaint against the Baltimore and Ohio, the Pennsylvania and all of the other railroads in Eastern classification, embracing all of the territory north of the Potomac and east of Buffalo and Pittsburgh, for alleged increase in rates on oysters, by withdrawal of free tickets, was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the Oyster Growers' and Dealers' Association of North America.

The oyster men aver that up to March 29 last the railroads made no charge for their product, shipped in shells, or shucked, but absorbed the charge in the regular rates. Since that time they have charged the cost of ice to the oyster men. It is alleged that this is in effect an increase in the rates, in addition to the 5-cent general increase recently allowed the carriers in this territory.

The complaint is signed for the association by 180 members, largely in the Chesapeake and Long Island producing territory.

BORDER RAIDS INSTIGATED
BY AMERICAN "INTERESTS"
TO FORCE U. S. IN MEXICO.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF CZAREVITCH, WITH FATHER, AS ARMY OFFICERS

LEPER EMIL GRABLE
MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Leaves Detention Camp on Banks of Eastern Branch. Alarm Is Sent Out.

Emil Grable, alleged leper, escaped early today from the District's detention camp on the banks of the Eastern Branch. A general alarm for the apprehension of the man, who has been under quarantine with John Early since December 10, 1914, was sent out by the Health Department and the police with the discovery of the escape about 6 o'clock this morning.

No trace of Grable has been found in the District. In the opinion of Dr. William C. Woodward, District health officer, Grable may have escaped from the camp between 7 and 12 o'clock last night. W. M. Chase, the watchman in charge of the lepers during that period, took up a position near the exits of the institution, which gave him a poor vantage. Chase declares he conversed with Grable shortly after going on duty at 7 o'clock. The leper appeared in his usual spirits, the watchman stated today.

Grable was poorly supplied with funds, in the opinion of the health authorities. He is known to have received a letter from a sister in Idaho several days ago, but this missive contained no money, it is declared.

"Grable, prior to coming to this city, was a railroad man, either a conductor or brakeman in the West," said Dr. Woodward today. "It is possible that he walked out of the camp and made for the railroad tracks running along the river shore, jumped a freight, and left the city."

Then again it is possible that the man may have ended his life in the river. Grable had fits of melancholia over his fate. He refused treatment for the disease, saying that if the doctors were not sure that they could cure him, why prolong his miserable existence by medicine?

Grable became a charge of the District when he walked up to a crossing policeman in December, 1914, and informed the latter that he was a victim of leprosy. He came here from St. Louis.

RUSSIA PAYS HOMAGE
TO ITS RULER-TO-BE

Czarevitch Visits Concentration Camps as Officer, Receiving Tribute From Whole Nation.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 14.—All Russia is at the feet of the heir-apparent to the throne.

The little Czarevitch, who now seems to have recovered from the invalidism which saddened the whole nation while he was a baby, takes the greatest interest in things military, and although he is not allowed near the front, is a constant visitor at concentration camps.

The sturdy little fellow, who wears the uniform of an officer of the line with a truly military dash, is a familiar figure now to almost all of the soldiers of the Czar.

Of course, the father usually accompanies the youthful prince on his visits, but it is not to him that the greatest homage is paid.

Russia respects the Czar, it honors the Grand Duke Nicholas—but it loves the Czarevitch.

IS M'NAMEE "IN BAD"
FOR ASKING FOR AID?

Is Commander McNamee, of the Sacramento, to be charged with treason?

This is the interesting question which is floating about the Navy Department and official quarters.

McNamee is the officer who was in command at Vera Cruz until recently. He sent to the Navy Department reports showing the anti-foreign situation there was serious.

On the strength of these reports three big battleships are heading for "South-ern waters."

Since the rumormongers were stirred up over the situation at Vera Cruz, Commander McNamee has left Vera Cruz. His vessel is carrying the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers to New Orleans.

It was supposed he would hurry back from New Orleans to Vera Cruz. Today, it developed the Sacramento had been ordered, after waiting a day or two at New Orleans, to go to Galveston and take part in the opening of the Houston ship canal August 15.

ASSERTS CARRANZA
HAD CONQUEST PLAN

Prisoner Asserts First Chief Would Recover Land Taken From Mexico in 1847.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 14.—Carranza modestly plans to reconquer the United States all that territory lost by Mexico in 1847, if a written statement given to officers by a Mexican-made prisoner in a border raid may be believed.

Manuel Rincones, who made this statement to Sheriff Vann, of Cameron county, and Captain Anderson, of the Twelfth Infantry, says that about half the gang of fifty bandits who attacked Norias last Sunday came from Mexico.

"The attack on Norias," he stated, "was for the purpose of getting tools with which to remove a rail and wreck a train. The object in heading for the Rio Grande was to secure re-enforcements. At Nopal the chief took a paper from his pocket and read that the object of the expedition was to reclaim the land taken from Mexico by the United States. It was ordered in the name of Carranza, and the officer stated that it emanated from him."

Citizens of Brownsville are apprehensive of an attack by the Mexican guerrillas at Matamorras and fear that a general uprising will take place in this section if United States marines land in Vera Cruz.

Governor Ferguson stated at Rockport today that the border situation had improved to such an extent that he would not call out the State troops. His decision followed a conference with State officials last night.

Largest Payment Yet
Made in Plaza Awards

The plaza commission today made a single payment of \$125,029 to James R. Brevoort for nine lots in square 683, which were acquired by the Government in connection with the plan for extending Capitol Park to the Union Station.

This is the largest single payment to be made to a property owner in the plaza district. The commission also mailed a check for \$4,850 to the Washington City Orphan Asylum for lot 11, in square 684.

WILSON BARES PLOT
TO BRING ABOUT
INTERVENTION

Identity of Conspirators Not Public Property Yet, But Inquiry Is On.

VERA CRUZ REPORTS FALSE

Agents Simply Succeeded in Throwing Panic Into Naval Officers, It Is Said.

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 14.—Eighty Mexican bandits, under a leader named Cabrera, are concentrating between Zapata and Rio Grande City, ninety miles from here, according to an American reaching here early today.

He said the Zapata county cowboys are preparing to aid the Fourteenth Cavalry detachment stationed at Zapata in giving the Mexicans the hottest kind of reception if they make an attack.

The recent Mexican flurry was a plot to stampede the United States into war.

President Wilson has uncovered it.

Three hours after his arrival in Washington the Mexican excitement petered out.

The identity of the plotters is not public property as yet, but investigation is under way, now, in Washington and in other cities, to discover what interests were behind the flurry.

These facts stand out: When Secretary Lansing met the South American diplomats in New York to discuss the note to the warring parties in Mexico, the plotters felt that the time for action had arrived.

WANTED BORDER TROUBLE.

Part of their scheme was to make trouble on the border. The White House knows that for several years, certain interests in the United States have offered sums to certain "bad men" along the Texas border, if these "bad men" would organize "armies" of American Mexicans, lead them into Mexico and then turn around and march back into the United States, killing Americans and destroying property and making the American people believe that Mexicans from Mexico were marching on the border states.

The present border troubles bear all the earmarks of such a campaign. The interests that advance such a campaign in this country are determined to see that they are considered guilty of actual murder.

The White House knows the name of at least one prominent Western character who has boasted for many years that he had a standing offer of a large sum of money from certain American interests, who might possibly be backed by foreign interests, to organize a fake Mexican army of invasion.

At the same time the border scare was worked up the same plotters succeeded in working up a scare at Vera Cruz. The White House has learned that at no time were foreigners in danger in that port, but in some manner, the plotters stamped a few of the less cool heads in the navy, and ships were headed for "Southern waters."

That there are certain interests in the United States who are determined to get the United States into war, at almost any cost, has been clearly proved by the recent Mexican flurry.

If possible these interests are going to be uncovered.

Intervention in Mexico is as far away as ever.

Carranza Prepared
To Resist Intervention
To Last Cartridge

To the last cartridge and the last man, Venustiano Carranza will resist any effort on the part of the United States to resort to armed intervention in Mexico.

This is the latest deft hurled forth from the Carranza camp in Washington. Administration officials hope it will be the last. Although not issued in any formal way from the constitutionalist agency, it was stated by members of the agency with all the emphasis that the latest information from